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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5725.0593-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Application No.: 09/931,912 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
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Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
)  
For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE )  
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST )  
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND )  
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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